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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 90-425-E - ORDER NO. 90-987
OCTOBER 10, 1990

IN RE: Generic Proceeding Concerning) ORDER GRANTING
the Confidentiality of Coal) MOTION TO COMPEL
Contracts)

On September 27, 1990, the Consumer Advocate filed a Motion to Compel in the above captioned docket. On October 1, 1990, the Consumer Advocate filed an Amended Motion to Compel. The Motion requested that the Commission issue an order requiring Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L), Duke Power Company (Duke) and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) to provide responses to interrogatories propounded by the Consumer Advocate, grant an extension of time in which to prefile testimony, and grant a continuance of the hearing in the above referenced case.

The Consumer Advocate asserts that it served a set of interrogatories on CP&L, Duke and SCE&G individually and received objections to the interrogatories from each Company on the ground that the information requested was not relevant to this proceeding. The Consumer Advocate states that there is no document which sets forth the scope of the docket or issues to be explored. The Consumer Advocate's position is that the information sought in its interrogatories, relating to the details of coal contracts, is relevant to this generic proceeding. The Commission should have

testimony and evidence before it, according to the Consumer Advocate, which would allow the Commission to make an intelligent decision as to whether the disclosure of the coal contracts of the jurisdictional electric utilities would in fact be detrimental to the ratepayers of those utilities.

The Commission finds that the Motion to Compel should be granted. The interrogatories in question request information that is relevant for discovery purposes.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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